

RAILROAD WILL SIDE TRACK TOWN

Corporation, Angered by Ashland Council, Preparing to Make Wide Detour.

SURVEYS NOW BEING MADE

Community Much Divided Over Matter—Would Be Disastrous Blow to Place.

Residents of the little college town of Ashland, hundreds of whom have their business addresses in this city, stand in imminent danger of being side-tracked by the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railroad as soon as surveys now under way are completed. The new line contemplated will pass to the west of the town, leaving the present main track some distance north of Gwathmey, and striking it again about a mile beyond Ashland. Though the surveys have not yet been completed, it is understood that the station will be from a quarter to a half mile west of the present track, meaning a considerable walk for those commuters and others who use the road daily.

Recently a contest has sprung up between the company and the Town Council over the use of Railroad Street, the principal thoroughfare, along which Ashland is strung out, for more than a mile. Up the centre of this street runs the main line of the railroad, both street and town having resulted from the erection of houses of commuters facing both sides of the tracks, the residences standing back in ample, shady yards.

Asserts Its Authority. Since the town has been incorporated, it has proceeded to assert its authority over the corporation which called it into being, and ordinances regulating the speed of trains were followed by resolutions requiring the stopping of the Florida Limited and fast mails, until, with local and through trains, Ashland has enjoyed a goodly number of local stops. Now the town is attempting to require the railway to take up its extra tracks and operate but one track along Railroad Street, and the corporation has arisen in its wrath and sent out its surveyors to find some other way around.

With the double tracking of the road, the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac has entered into contracts with the Seaboard Air Line and the Atlantic Coast Line to haul their Florida Limited and fast mails, and has expressed its intention to operate but one track along Railroad Street, and the corporation has arisen in its wrath and sent out its surveyors to find some other way around.

What Mr. Duke Says. Mr. W. D. Duke, secretary and treasurer of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac, declared the report that the corporation was preparing to work on a line around Ashland. In discussing the matter last night he said:

"It all depends on the town. Our right to the use of Railroad Street has been questioned, and the town officials have imposed restrictions which imperil our use of that thoroughfare. They have employed counsel and are attempting to force us to take up one of our tracks on Railroad Street. It is up to the town to say what we shall do. We do not mean to give up our rights around the town, but we are making the survey, and if we cannot come to some definite understanding as to what our rights are in the use of Railroad Street, we will have to give the town the go-by."

Last fall the town officials passed resolutions and employed counsel to ascertain what rights the community has in Railroad Street.

Conferences with the railroad officials failed to bring any satisfactory compromise, and the breach has widened until the company has withdrawn its surveyors from the town.

Town Much Divided. Ashland has and for many years, and is now enjoying, remarkably low commuters' rates, which compare favorably with suburban tickets out of New York and other large cities. This unusual facility has made the town a desirable residence place for many who do business in Richmond, and any move to take the railroad station away from the heart of the community will not doubt result in a depreciation of real estate values. Reports are to the effect that the town is much divided over the matter, and the question of policy toward the railroad company will no doubt be the live political issue when the present Town Council stands for re-election.

DISCROLL N W HERE

Alleged Beganist Thief Brought From Chicago by Detective Scherer.

Detective L. L. Scherer, of the Chesapeake and Ohio Railway, reached the city yesterday afternoon with Harry Driscoll, a well-known figure in the underworld, who has been on the run for several days, but owing to the fact that Driscoll fought exceedingly bravely with his man before Saturday, he will have no possible chance of communicating with Charles Miller, said to be his partner, now confined in the City Jail.

Driscoll will be taken by Detective Scherer to Orange this morning and turned over to the authorities there.

FOUGHT IN AMBULANCE

Negro Epileptic Had Fit of Cussedness and Struggled With Physician.

While being taken to his home in the rear of No. 919 West Main Street yesterday afternoon, Thomas White, an epileptic negro, fought with the physician in the ambulance that it was all right to hold him down. The fight kept up for some time, and did not end until White had been so weakened that he could fight no more.

The negro, who had a fit in Monroe Park, had recovered when he was taken home, and the doctors say it was just "cussedness" that made him fight.

BALL PLAYER HURT

Henry Washington, Colored, Slides to Second and Fractures His Thigh.

While sliding to second base in a ball game at Nineteenth and O Streets yesterday afternoon, Henry Washington, colored, attempted to slide and he landed hard. He fractured his thigh and is now in the City Hospital, where he is being treated.

TAG DAY

present

Preaches to Royal Arcanum



REV. C. H. GALLOWAY

ROYAL ARCANUM SERVICES HELD

Members of Richmond Councils Hear Fine Sermon By Rev. Mr. Galloway.

Denny Street Methodist Church was filled to capacity last night with members of the Royal Arcanum and their friends, assembled to hear the Rev. Charles H. Galloway preach on "The Cardinal Principles of the Royal Arcanum—Virtue, Mercy and Charity." The services were held under the auspices of the Richmond Council, whose members gathered at their hall, were joined by delegations from the council throughout the city, and then, under the leadership of the Rev. Mr. Galloway, proceeded to the church. The Rev. Mr. Galloway handled his subject in a masterly style, and his illustrations of virtue, mercy and charity, the foundation of the Royal Arcanum, were very striking. He was heartily congratulated by the members of the order.

CRAZED NEGRO SHOT TWO DOWN

Girl Dying, and Man of Whom He Was Jealous Probably Fatally Hurt.

Having declared early in the afternoon that he would as soon die as live, Emmet Parrish, a young negro, last night vented his crazed jealousy on Miss Johnson, the girl he loved, by twice shooting her in the chest, and she cannot live and by shooting his rival, Cornelius Woodbridge, who lies paralyzed as a result of the wound.

Woodbridge and the girl, with three companions, were approaching Shock Alley and Baker Streets about 11 o'clock last night, when the man slipped up behind them and began firing. He shot Woodbridge in the back, and when the first victim fell, he turned on the girl, shooting her twice, once through the left forearm and then in the left side, the ball lodging near the heart. As she, too, dropped to the ground, he ran after Cornelius Walker, another member of the party, and shot him, but missed his mark. He fired five times in all.

The others fled, and as it was late and few were out, Parrish made an easy escape.

Both of the wounded were picked up and carried to parishes in Shock's Alley, where they were attended to by a team of ambulance physicians—Dr. Hinchman and Young. Woodbridge and the girl were hurried to the hospital, where it was thought possible was done for them. The girl, who is eighteen years of age, will probably die. The man may live, but is in a dangerous condition.

COLORED PEOPLE WANT INSURANCE

Heads of Negro Companies to Meet Here To-Day to Discuss Plans.

Representing thousands of the most respectable colored people in the South, the heads of the several negro insurance companies will hold a conference this morning with Mr. William Dodd, for long time attorney for the Mutual Benefit Insurance Company, of New Jersey.

The meeting is called at the instance of the Hampton Economic Society, of which W. P. Burrill, of Richmond, is a member.

Burrill, who is president of the True Reformers, is chairman of the conference. Other institutions which are represented, are as follows: John Mitchell, Jr., of the Knights of Pythias; A. D. Price, of the Southern Aid Insurance Company; W. F. Graham, of the American Beneficial Society; Everett F. Johnson, of the Richmond Beneficial Society; M. L. Walker, of St. Luke's; and W. L. Taylor.

The meeting is for the purpose of bringing about better insurance conditions among the colored people. Recognizing that the negro death rate is much higher than that among white people, that negro policies are more often allowed to lapse and that for other reasons the negro is an undesirable risk, the old line companies have almost discontinued soliciting insurance from them.

Not being able to get the insurance they desired, the negroes have organized companies of their own, which have become strong factors in the business and economic life of the country.

Just what will result from this conference is a matter of conjecture, even with those who are to take part, but the subject is a vital one with the negroes, and is attracting the attention of the insurance companies. Mr. Dodd is making a special study of the negro question in insurance matters, and will later confer with the insurance commissioners of the different States, to the end that better conditions may be brought about.

Gold Knife Lost. A small gold penknife, with the name of Miss Jane Gage, engraved on the handle was lost yesterday afternoon between the Second Presbyterian Church and St. James Church, along Franklin or Adams Streets. A reward of \$1.00 will be paid if returned to The Times, or to the office at 1409 West Avenue.

MRS. KEITH DEAD; ROBBER BROKE IN

Thief Ransacked Room of Aged Woman, Whose Body Lay in Nearby House.

CAPTURED AFTER CHASE

Stole Lamp to Light Way, and Then Climbed to Roof.

With a stolen lamp in his hand, Phil Johnson, alias Phil Beef, early yesterday morning broke into the residence of Mrs. M. S. Lohmeyer, No. 221 East Marshall Street, and ransacked the room formerly occupied by Mrs. Mollie Keith, who was run over by a carriage and pair belonging to Mrs. M. Rosenbloom and died as a result of her injuries in Sheltering Arms Hospital on Saturday morning, and whose body was then lying in Billie's undertaking establishment, just across the street.

Awakened by Noise. Mrs. Lohmeyer and her husband were asleep in their room below, when the former was awakened by a noise above. She screamed, and Officers Neitz and Lear, who were tramping the streets, heard the alarm. Johnson became frightened, and made a dash for the window, leaving his bare feet down the alley in the rear of the Lohmeyer residence. He was pursued by the officers, and was captured at his house in the rear of No. 215 East Marshall Street.

Phil Beef, as he is known among his friends, stole a lamp from a negro's house next door, carefully removed his shoes and climbed over a six-foot wall. On the other side he gained the roof, and access through a back window was then easy. But his feet and his fingers were not as light as the occasion demanded, and Mrs. Lohmeyer was awakened from a deep sleep by the sound of his rummaging. The officers tracked him in the mud by his bare feet.

Inquest To-Day. Coroner Taylor will hold an inquest at 3 o'clock this afternoon over the body of Mrs. Keith, whose room the negro entered. She was run over on Thursday evening and died a little after 11 o'clock on Saturday morning. Mrs. Rosenbloom was greatly affected by the aged lady's death.

MAKES STRONG ADDRESS

Many Men Hear Bradford Williams at Young Men's Christian Association.

Mr. Bradford Williams, of New York City, delivered the address before the men's meeting in the auditorium of the Young Men's Christian Association yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. His subject was "The Life That Kills." The address was unusually interesting and seemed to make a great impression upon the audience. A noticeable feature was the ease with which Mr. Williams repeated chapter after chapter of the Bible bearing upon the topics under discussion.

Miss Bessie Williams, daughter of the speaker, rendered very sweetly a number of vocal selections. Mr. Williams came here from Scranton, Pa., where he spoke before an audience numbering more than 100. The address will be held to-day in the Young Men's Christian Association hall. There will be a meeting for men at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and one for men and women at 8:15 o'clock in the evening.

CONFIRMS TWENTY-THREE

Bishop Gibson Administers Rite to Large Class at Monumental.

The Rt. Rev. R. A. Gibson, Bishop of the Diocese of Virginia, visited Monumental Episcopal Church yesterday afternoon and administered the rite of confirmation to a class of twenty-three. The service was read by the rector, the Rev. Dr. J. W. Morris, and the sermon was delivered by Bishop Gibson. The congregation was one of the largest of the year.

Joint Lenten Night Services.

Joint Lenten night services will be held in Monumental Episcopal Church to-night at 8:15 o'clock. The subject will be "The Church's Help—Ministry." On Tuesday night, at St. James, the subject will be "The Church's Help—Sacraments," and on Wednesday night, at St. Mark, it will be "The Church's Help—Fellowship."

Assault on Scott Deane Found.

James Lowry, colored, who three weeks ago shot Scott Deane through the arm, was arrested yesterday afternoon by Sergeant Kraft and Police Captain Croft. Lowry left town after the shooting and returned yesterday. The officers soon found and landed him.

All Richmond Will Be Tagged To-Day

Office of the Mayor, the City Hall, Richmond, Va., March 28, 1908.

Mrs. R. Henry Harwood, President The Instructive Visiting Nurses' Association, Richmond, Va.:

My Dear Madam,—Having some knowledge of the value of the work done in this city by The Instructive and being in full sympathy this work in Richmond, I authorize the use of the streets Monday, March 30, and to duty of aiding this enterableness.

The ladies in charge of numbers, their intelligence, good works, worthy to comthey are now hereby author-absolute control of the city March, to use it for the pur-out restraint, and as fully and elect to do.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully, etc.,

CARLTON MCCARTHY,

Mayor.

Gave up Law for Ministry and Is Succeeding Well



INTERIOR. REV. B. LACY HOGE. FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, CHARLESTON, S. C., FOUNDED 1853. EXTERIOR.

OLDEST CHURCH IS REDEDICATED

Remarkable Work Being Accomplished by Virginia Minister in South Carolina.

Under the ministry of a Virginia man, the Rev. B. Lacy Hoge, of the First Baptist Church of Charleston, S. C., the oldest Baptist congregation in the South, is entering upon a period of new life and activity, which has been a source of astonishment and delight to all interested in this historic old building.

Once foremost in the denomination, the church has long been regarded as a worn out and "down town" congregation, but during the ministry of Mr. Hoge, it has given promise of regaining its former prestige. It was constructed in 1853 by the Rev. William Scriven with a party of settlers from Maine, who left the frozen North because of the religious intolerance of that section, and made a weary journey through an unknown country to the South in search of liberty of conscience and freedom of soul.

Revival of Interest. After a remarkable period of leadership, during which time the church produced many strong and able men, there came a day when the city's commerce was unusually depressed, and the old building, and the forces which make for disintegration have been steadily at work for a generation. Early in the winter the faithful few who still held on determined that the time was ripe for an awakening of the neighborhood, and Mr. Hoge, formerly of Onancock, Va., was called in to inaugurate a new campaign.

Mr. Hoge comes of a distinguished Virginia family and is related to many of the noted Virginians bearing both his first and his last name. For some years he practiced law in Kansas City, giving up this to become pastor of the Baptist church in Concord, N. C., his work was met with a prompt revival, many men, some of whom were pronounced infidels, being converted. After holding charges in Mason and Mt. Jackson, he returned to Virginia, and the Eastern Shore bears the impress of his personality.

In Charleston his labors are already showing fruit. The old structure was rededicated in renovated form on March 15th, at a celebration which followed upon the heels of all denominations gathered to congratulate Mr. Hoge. He recently announced that his work would be more and more along institutional lines, and that the church or chapel would be open for worshipers every day in the year, with daily services. Rescue work is being carried on in the homes of hundreds, and the congregation has placed a woman missionary in the field. Mr. Hoge stated also that his work would be in no sense denominational, but based on a broader plan, which would secure the commendation of every Christian worker in Charleston.

Nothing Doing.

"Nothing doing," said another. "The 'leccemans' is so hot after us dat you couldn't get a dram if you was dyin'." And den dat four months Jedge Crutchfield is handin' out 'shew' 'I wouldn't get a drink for my own brother.' He was perfectly sincere. He wore little more than an undershirt and a pair of trousers, and a dime or two would have jingled well in his ears. The four months and the heavy fine stumped them all.

Of course, there are a skilled few who continue to peddle half pints, but

GETTING READY FOR ENCAMPMENT

Government Refused Request of Seventy-Second Regiment. Waiting for Money.

Military organizations of the State are anxious to settle their plans for the summer encampments. The War Department at Washington has been urged to decide upon the places of the various encampments, but as the appropriation has not yet been fixed by Congress, nothing definite has been done. The Seventy-second Virginia Regiment applied for permission to participate in the maneuvers of the regular artillery at Old Point Comfort, but the request has been refused by the government.

In the event that the appropriation gets through Congress the Seventieth Regiment will probably go into camp at Chickamauga. If a sufficient amount of money is not received from the government to carry out the plan of having the State militia take part in the movements of the regular army, provision will be made to place the State regiments in camp at different points in Virginia.

DESERT-LIKE WARD MOANS LOUDLY BUT DRINKS ON SABBATH DAY

Throats parched and thirsts burned in Richmond yesterday, for the Blue Bird law was in effect so thoroughly that even those who are supposed to know every joint in town and to be able to get their drink while the ignorant wait, had to suffer the pangs of some desert-worn traveler and bide their time until the welcome dawn of Monday morning.

Though two plain-clothes officers trailed a dusty way through all the sacred precincts of Jackson Ward—where once the blind tigers creviced at easy length—anywhere, through half the alley and by-paths known to the "drifted," they found everything as "tight" and as dry as the wind-mown ways of Gobi. It was a case of water, water everywhere, but not a drop of liquor. Former resorts of Saturday-nighters were visited, but where once the blind tigers creviced at easy length—anywhere, through half the alley and by-paths known to the "drifted," they found everything as "tight" and as dry as the wind-mown ways of Gobi. It was a case of water, water everywhere, but not a drop of liquor.

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ASKS MR. POLICE TO RELIEVE HER

"Mrs. Smith," Who Works for White White People, Utters a Plaintive Wail.

Signing herself "Mrs. Smith," a colored woman wrote yesterday to "Mr. Police," asking him to serve a warrant on a certain other woman who, she alleged in the document, is "bothering" after her husband in a highly eloquent strain she spoke of the indignities to which this other woman has subjected her, and prayed the intervention of "Mr. Police." She gave the billet to Policeman Hulcher, but disappeared before he could learn the whereabouts of the offending female. The letter contained the necessary sum for a warrant, and was delivered to "Squire Purdy." The woman named as the cause of the trouble was interviewed, but she stoutly declared her innocence, and as "Mrs. Smith" couldn't be found, the matter was dropped. The only clue she gave as to her identity was that she worked in a laundry, and that is to say, it is supposed, people of an exceedingly and surpassing whiteness.

Somewhat Better.

The condition of Captain G. Watt Taylor, who has been quite ill at his home on Church Hill, was reported to be somewhat improved last night.

EARLY MORNING FIGHT WITH FIRE

Sleeping Neighborhood Around Laurel and Cary Streets Aroused by Flames.

Fire early yesterday morning alarmed the sleeping neighborhood about Laurel and Cary Streets, and a considerable portion of property in that section of the city. But for the prompt action of the department and the beginning of a fine rain, which soaked nearly all the flames, which had communicated themselves to an adjoining frame stable, also the property of the August Grocery Company, which burned like tinder.

Mules Burned Up.

The blaze made a brilliant glare at the frame structures cracked into the air, the flames being seen from all parts of the city.

Through sparks and heat the fire spread to the lumber and building material yard of John T. Wilson next door, where it burned fiercely, giving back but little until the whole mass of charred lumber had been thoroughly saturated.

Two mules in the stable of the August Grocery Company were burned to death, all efforts to rescue the animals being unavailing. Some wagons, a quantity of tools and a large stock of prepared building material in the Wilson yard were destroyed. The fire department estimates the total loss to be from \$2,000 to \$2,500. The firemen, who had control of the situation within an hour, were in charge of Assistant Chief Rafter.

Nail in His Foot.

It is the course of the fight with the flames Lieutenant Parrish, of Engine Company No. 1, drove a long nail into his foot, making a painful wound, which forced him to stop in order to have the injury properly dressed by an ambulance surgeon. He will be back at work in a day or two.

ANOTHER CONVENTION

Society for Promotion of Industrial Education May Meet Here.

Much interest has been aroused by the big meeting of the Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education in Chicago in January. The next annual convention, it is thought, will be held in the South and several cities have offered inducements, strongest among these being Richmond and Atlanta.

At a recent meeting of the board of managers at the New York headquarters, letters were sent by several important organizations in Richmond, and the following telegram from Mayor McCarthy: "I join the Chamber of Commerce, the Educational Society and other similar bodies in this city in an earnest invitation to the National Society for the Promotion of Industrial Education to hold its next annual meeting, in November of this year, in the city of Richmond."

The Virginia Mechanics' Institute has offered its building for the meeting. Invitations have also been extended by President Edwin A. Alderman, of the University of Virginia, and by Dr. H. B. Frissell, president of the Hampton Institute.

Revival Services

New Annex of First Baptist Church Opened Yesterday.

Revival services began yesterday at the First Baptist Church. Services will be held each evening this week at 8 o'clock, conducted by the pastor, Rev. George W. Adams, assisted by three congregationalists.

Rev. Adams was at both services yesterday. The gathering in the evening, when the new annex was opened, being the largest ever assembled there. Much interest was manifested, and there were twenty conversions.

Thrown from Wheel.

While riding on a Broad Street yesterday afternoon, Harold Meyer, son of Mr. Oscar Meyer, of No. 605 West Clay Street, attempted to turn his bicycle into Jail Alley, and was thrown from the wheel just as he started down the incline. He was severely cut about the head, but was not otherwise injured. He will be out in a few days.

ATTEMPTED MURDER

General Manager of Smuggler Union

TELLURIDE, COLO., March 29.—As a result of the attempt to murder general manager of the Smuggler Union mines and mill at Telluride yesterday afternoon, the police are taking precautions to guard the jail in which Steve Adams, charged with the assassination of Arthur Collins, general manager of the Smuggler Union, is confined. The feeling against Adams is becoming more bitter every day, and it is feared that the element among the miners that believes in violence against mine owners, feeling against Adams has been encouraged. It is said that during the last two weeks fully a score of miners who were deported during the troublesome strike have been returned to the Telluride region, and are actively attempting to create sympathy for Adams.